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Mr. Dan Fua
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Dear Mr. Fua:

This letter provides further written clarification of State operation and maintenance responsibilities associated with federal projects for which The Reclamation Board (Board) provided assurances. It has been developed in response to questions about our March 8, 2006 letter and a verbal request received on April 28, 2006 during a management level discussion with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Board.

Federal requirements for operation and maintenance are contained in Section 208.10 of Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations and in the Standard Operation and Maintenance Manual (O&M) provided for each federal project which includes guidance regarding vegetation and wild growth. The allowable vegetation in the floodway shall not affect the capability of the project work to convey the design flows within the specified levels of freeboard, and also shall not compromise the integrity or inspectability of the flood control project. In addition, channels shall pass design flows at stage levels at or below the 1957 design profile. Projects containing significant vegetation within the channel will be considered in compliance when shown by the sponsor, with a hydraulic analysis, that the project is capable of conveying design flows while maintaining the specified levels of freeboard.

If you have any questions or comments on the above, please contact Mr. James Sandner, Chief, Operations and Readiness Branch at (916) 557-5225.

Sincerely,

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